

Board of County Commissioners

Division of Planning & Development

Code Compliance Department

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CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD

February 9, 2004

The regular meeting of the Code Enforcement Board of Sumter County, Florida, was called to order on Monday, February 9, 2004 at 6:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following members were present: Horton Barnes/Chairperson, Cliff Current/Vice - Chairperson, Tommy Messer, Charles Castle, Terry Pasko, Cheryl Barnes and Diana Couillard.

Present from the Code Compliance staff were Paul Jochum-Code Compliance Manager and Alysia Akins-Code Enforcement Board Secretary.

Terry Neal-Attorney for Sumter County Code Compliance Inspectors was present.
Randall Thornton-Attorney for the Code Enforcement Board was also present.

Mr. Messer made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2004 hearing.
Mrs. Barnes seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Jochum was sworn in.

Old Business:

The following cases have been issued an affidavit of compliance:

CE2003-0014/Earles

CC2003-131/Parkinson

CC2003-146/Bartlett

The following case has a lien filed:

CC2003-112/Plunkett

New Business:

The following cases were noted in the record for filing of an affidavit of pre-hearing compliance:

CE2003-0025/Lockhart

CE2003-0026/Gilbert

CE2003-0084/Manson

CC2003-260/Collins

CC2003-262/Rosillo

File: #CE2003-0015/Boyd

Mrs. Couillard made a motion to continue this case until next month's meeting due to no proof of notice being received. Mrs. Barnes seconded the motion and the motion carried.

File: #CC2003-0331/Goodrum

911 Address: 9364 CR 735/Webster

Parcel: N36=189/OR 502 – PG 328

SCCV: 6-104(2), 13-E312 SHC 307.4, 6-104(3) and 6-104(4)

There was no one present at the hearing. Mr. Jochum testified that the Request for Hearing had been sent by certified mail and the property had been posted on 1/29/04. Mr. Jochum gave testimony regarding the violations and showed photographs that had been taken on 7/21/03, 11/25/03 and 1/29/04. Mr. Jochum testified 1/29/04 had been his last visit to the property, in which the property remained in non-compliance, but the inoperable vehicles had been removed. Mr. Jochum testified the mobile home could be brought into compliance if the proper repairs were made.

Mr. Messer made a motion to give the respondent 30 days to bring the property into compliance or a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day would be imposed for each and every day of non-compliance. Mrs. Couillard seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Jochum was asked to look into the homestead exemption being filed on this property.

File: #CC2003-412/Sammons

911 Address: 3169 CR 431N/Lake Panasoffkee

Parcel: F29C008/OR 603 – PG 76

SCCV: 6-104(2) and 6-104(4)

Roy Sammons, Respondent, and Richard Winningham, Respondent's stepson and tenant, were present and sworn in. Mr. Jochum testified that the Request for Hearing had been sent by certified mail and the property had been posted on 1/27/04. Mr. Jochum testified 2/9/04 had been his last visit to the property and found the property to be in non-compliance, but a lot had been cleaned up. Mr. Jochum showed photographs that had been taken on 8/6/03, 9/30/03, 10/15/03, 12/2/03, 1/12/04 and 1/26/04 showing the violations. Donelle Sanders, property owner from across the canal, submitted photographs into evidence that she had taken in January 2004. Mr. Sammons testified he had been cleaning up the property by removing the inoperable vehicles and enclosing the back porch. Mr. Sammons testified that he did not reside on the property, but Mr. Winningham did. Mr. Winningham submitted photographs into evidence that he had taken of the property before he came to the hearing. Mr. Winningham testified the inoperable vehicles had been removed and that he is currently building a privacy fence.

Mrs. Couillard moved to have Mr. Jochum re-inspect the property, and if not in compliance, bring the case back to the board. Motion died for lack of second.

Attorney Thornton recommended continuing the case until next month's meeting in order to give Mr. Jochum a chance to re-inspect the property.

Mrs. Couillard amended her motion to continue the case until next month's meeting. Mr. Castle seconded the motion and the motion carried with Mr. Messer voting against.

Mr. Jochum stated he would be out to inspect the property sometime before March 8, 2004, which is the next scheduled hearing date. Mr. Sammons stated he would like to meet Paul at the property when the inspection is done. Mr. Winningham claimed he felt like the neighbors were harassing him by continuously filing complaints. Mr. Jochum was asked to look into this property regarding the filing of homestead exemption.

Mr. Barnes read into the record a resignation letter from Mr. Current.

There being no further business, Mr. Messer made a motion to adjourn at 6:40 PM. Mrs. Couillard seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Chairman

Recording Secretary